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temporary relief. A lazaretto is being constructed not far from this hospital, to be used exclusively for sleeping-sickness patients. The separation of these from the other patients will be a great improvement.

Several expeditions have been sent out here at different times and under different auspices to study the disease, and while some progress has been made, yet much remains to be done before it can be said that the disease, with its cause and prevention and cure, is fully in hand. Some months ago it was widely announced by European doctors that certain arsenic compounds, especially atoxyl, had proven almost specifics, but after months of faithful trial by the American, Italian, and Norwegian doctors here—the latter being in charge of the native hospital—no marked improvement has been seen to follow the treatment as recommended by authorities on the disease. The outlook is not at all encouraging. Contrary to what was once claimed, it is now well established that foreigners here can become victims of this dreaded disease.

The greatest problem is to prevent the spread of the infection. One case is a source of danger to all within a considerable distance, for scientific research shows that the trypanosome is conveyed by the tsetse very much as malaria is now known to be carried by certain kinds of mosquitoes. The native fails to recognize the disease until its later stages, when it is too late to save him. It is very difficult to persuade natives of the importance of segregating those infected. The local government has established in the vicinity of a few of its large posts lazarettoes, or places for segregating those in the immediate vicinity who have become infected. But this is a local measure, and it by no means even touches great districts where no effort is being made to prevent the spread of the ravaging disease.

#### CHINA.

##### *Report from Amoy—Leprosy, plague, and smallpox—Epidemic plague at Chang Poo—Preventive inoculation.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Foster reports, April 26:

Week ended April 24. No bills of health issued.

Leprosy, plague, and smallpox are present in Amoy.

Plague is reported to be epidemic at Chang Poo, a city about 30 miles south of Amoy. The number of cases is not stated, but the mortality is said to be considerable. The inhabitants of Chang Poo are being inoculated with Haffkine prophylactic as a preventive measure.

(See Public Health Reports, April 30, 1909, p. 569.)

#### COSTA RICA.

##### *Report from Limon, fruit port.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Goodman reports:

Week ended May 29. Estimated population, 8,000. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.